historic responsibility for Climate Change must commit themselves to deeper emission reduction commitments while developing countries will take voluntary mitigation action to the extent that the developed countries provide support in terms of finance and technology.

Parties are currently engaged in negotiations under the UNFCCC and Kyoto Protocol in order to reach agreed outcomes at the fifteenth Conference of Parties scheduled in Copenhagen in December, 2009.

'Forest and Tree Cover' report

†1082. SHRI RAJ MOHINDER SINGH MAJITHA:
SHRI SHIVANAND TIWARI:

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that "Forest and Tree Cover" report has recently been published by Government;

(b) if so, the highlights of the report; and

(c) the future plans formulated by Government on the basis of this report?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI JAIRAM RAMESH): (a) No, Sir. The "Forest and Tree Cover" report has not been published so far.

(b) and (c) Does not arise in view of reply of part (a) of the question.

Asiatic Lions in Gir Sanctuary

1083. SHRI MAHMOOD A. MADANI:
SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA:

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the number of Asiatic Lions in Gir Sanctuary has decreased over the years, if so, the details thereof;

(b) the reasons therefor;

(c) whether Government has taken steps to rehabilitate Asiatic Lions from Gir Sanctuary; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI JAIRAM RAMESH): (a) No, Sir. There are no such reports. On the contrary the number of Asiatic Lions in Gir Sanctuary has increased over the years.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) and (d) The Government of Gujarat has launched several steps including establishing and conserving appropriate habitats including Barda Wildlife Sanctuary located in Porbandar and Jamnagar Districts for supporting lion population.

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.